plaints about availability of hank yarn except for occasional mismatch of specific counts of yarn in certain pockets. Government has also set up hank yarn price Monitoring Committee under the chairmanship of Textile Commissioner to monitor prices of hank yarn.

(c) The inclusion of the Act in the IX Schedule is expected to remove the uncertainties in the effective implementation of the Act because of litigation. It is also expected to strength the commitment of the Government to provide continuous and gainful employment to the handloom traders.

Cash for Increasing the fee of Chartered Accountants Engaged by Banks

3436. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a considerable increase in the salaries and allowances of nationalised banks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that nationalised banks have also increased their service charges, interest etc. recently;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not increase in the allowances payable to Chartered Accountants for conducting various internal inspections of audit of State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank; and

(d) by when their fees/allowances likely to be raised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and(d) Fees etc. of auditors for conducting internal Inspection/audit are determined by the banks themselves and the Government does not issue any instructions to the banks on the subject.

Recovery of Income-tax from Political Parties

3437. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article of Shri Dhiru Mehta which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of Bombay of 9th April, 1990 regarding steps to be taken to recover Income-tax from political parties;

(b) if so, what are the main points brought out in that article; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The article refers to the taxability of voluntary contributions received by political parties; and

(c) As the relevant provisions of Income-tax Law are sufficient for keeping check on contributions, no action is proposed to be taken.

Discharge of Custom Functions by Staff of Central Excise Department

3438. SMT. PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that whenever and wherever any station is commissioned to discharge customs functions, the staff of Central Excise Department instead of staff of Customs Department is Deployed to discharge these customs functions;

(d) whether there is phenominal stagan incessant demand from the Staff Service Association of Customs and Central Excise Department that Central Board of Excise & Customs should be bifurcated and seperate Board be created for Customs and Central Excise Departments;

(c) if so, what action has been taken to meet the demand;

(d) whether there is phenominal stagnation in Custom Department; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) The deployment of Customs & Central Excise staff to any station

depends upon its location and other administrative exigencies.

(b) and (c) It has not been found feasible to accept the demand of some staff association for bifurcation of the Central Board of Excise & Customs.

(d) and (e) The extent of stagnation varies from Custom House to Custom House.

Induction of Inspectors of Central Excise to discharge functions of intelligence work at Airports

3439. SMT. PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Principal Collector of Customs, Bombay vide orders issued in June, 1990, inducted 9 Inspector of Central Excise of various Collectorates of Central Excise, into Air Customs Pool Bombay, International Airport to discharge the functions of intelligence work at the International Airport, which were hitherto borne by the Customs House, Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a move to induct more and more Inspectors/Officers of Central Excise Department at International Airports of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras to carry out Customs functions; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) The policy is to fill 75% of Air Customs pool posts at Bombay by Customs Officers and 25% by Central Excise Officers on deputation. In 1986, it was decided to make the Air Intelligence Unit part of Air Customs Pool for more effective functioning and supervision. In June, 1990, 9 Central Excise Inspectors, who were already on the approved panel of Air Customs Officers were inducted into Air Customs Pool as part of 25% quota for Central Excise Inspectors.

(b) There is at present, no move to change the ratio of Customs Officers and Central Excise Officers for deployment at International Airports of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(c) Does not arise.

Facilities to Educated unemployed youths for setting up of hotels

3440. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
SHRI JAGESH DESAI :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) how many educated unemployed entrepreneurs have been provided facilities by his Department to set up new hotels in different parts of the country during the last three years; and

(b) what are the details of such facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) While Government provides many incentives for setting up new hotels there is no scheme specifically for educated unemployed entrepreneurs.

(b) Does not arise.

Loans sanctioned by the Nationalised Bank to Women Enterpreneurs in Bihar

3441. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of women entrepreneurs from Bihar to whom loans have been sanctioned by the nationalised banks during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what is the average time taken in sanctioning such loans; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to simplify the procedure in this regard so as to reduce the delay of sanctioning of loans ?